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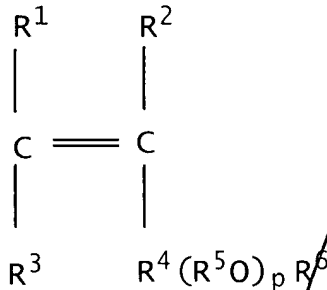
Prior to examination, prior to the calculation of the filing fee for this application, please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claim 10, without prejudice.

Please amend claim 3 through 9, and 11 as follows:

3.(Amended) A cement additive according to claim 1, wherein the monomer (A) is a compound according to general formula (1):



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